

# HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## THE U.S. MILITARY REQUESTS YOUR HELP

Due to security concerns, the U.S. military is requesting that licensees turn over all confiscated military I.D.s to the Honolulu Liquor Commission (HLC). This is related to the military's efforts to prevent security breaches on base in these times of high alert.

You can either give the I.D.s to Liquor Commission investigators when they visit your premises or you can call 523-4458 to schedule a time when an investigator can collect the I.D.s. Once the I.D.s are collected, the Liquor Commission will hand them over to the military police.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, KEEP THE NOISE DOWN

The HLC can help you be a good neighbor. If you have any concern that your establishment's noise levels may be above the legal limit, you can ask the Liquor Commission to provide you with a free noise level check. Upon request, liquor investigators will visit your establishment and monitor your sound decibels. If the noise is above the legal limit, the investigator will let you know and give you suggestions on how to lessen the noise. You will not be cited during this check if you are found to be above legal limits.

The HLC will also let you know if any noise complaints have been filed against you. This is an important warning because at anytime, liquor investigators may visit your establishment unannounced to monitor noise levels. If the noise levels exceed the legal limit, you will be issued a citation and your case will be adjudicated in front of the Commission. If found guilty, you could face fines or the loss or suspension of your license.

## HLC SUPPORTS "IT'S IN YOUR HANDS" CAMPAIGN

Earlier this year, Teens for Safer Communities Coalition (TSCC), a local coalition committed to reducing underage drinking, developed an underage drinking prevention and responsible merchants campaign called "It's In Your Hands." The campaign aims to encourage minors not to purchase alcohol and to assist liquor licensees in their efforts to curb the sale of alcohol to minors by providing point-of-sale visual warnings.

TSCC designed black and yellow window cling decals for store doors, cooler and refrigerator doors and cash registers. Through the support of the Department of Education, the Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Control Program and the HLC, decals were distributed to every licensed alcohol retailer on Oahu. Soon, with additional support from the Department of Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, the decal program will spread to the neighbor islands.

TSCC also developed table tents with the message "Celebrate Safely...Drive Sober... Always Buckle Up!" to remind restaurant patrons to drink responsibly.

## SERVER-TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Liquor server training classes have been cut back to once a week until further notice. The classes are now held only on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## EMAIL IS HERE!

Future Honolulu Liquor Commission Newsletters will be available by email. To subscribe, please send an email to: [liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us). You can also view and print out this newsletter on the World Wide Web at: [www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/](http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/).

(OVER)

711 KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5249

FIRST  
QUARTER  
2002



JEREMY HARRIS  
MAYOR

JOHN P. SPIERLING  
CHAIR

CLYDE J. EUGENIO  
CO-VICE CHAIR

CHU LAN SHUBERT KWOCK  
CO-VICE CHAIR

ORLANDO S. SORIANO  
COMMISSIONER

DENNIS ENOMOTO  
COMMISSIONER

WALLACE W. WEATHERWAX  
ADMINISTRATOR

PHONE:  
(808) 523-4458

FAX:  
(808) 591-2700

WEBSITE:  
[www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/](http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/)

E-MAIL:  
[liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us)

Honolulu Liquor Commission  
711 Kapiolani Blvd., Ste. 600  
Honolulu, HI 96813-5249

## NEW OFFICERS FOR 2002

At its hearing held on Dec. 27, 2001, the elections of new Commission officers were held for the year 2002. John P. Spierling was unanimously re-elected as Chair, and the new Co-Vice Chairs are Clyde J. Eugenio and Chu Lan Shubert Kwok.

## WELCOME!



Tulang-De Silva

The HLC would like to welcome its new Deputy Corporation Counsel, Debi Tulang-De Silva. In her new capacity, Tulang-De Silva will be responsible for prosecuting Liquor Commission cases.

Prior to joining the HLC on Nov. 30, 2001, Tulang-De Silva served as staff attorney in the Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs for the State of Hawaii.

In addition to her HLC duties, Tulang-De Silva also serves as a facilitator for the Hawaii State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, a mediator with the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs and as an arbitrator with the State Certified Arbitration Program. She was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in 1994 and received her juris doctor from the California Western School of Law.

## A FOND ALOHA

The Honolulu Liquor Commission fondly says aloha to four liquor control investigators who recently retired after many years of outstanding service.

John Andrade, Sr. retired December 2001 after 20 years of service with the Liquor Commission. Prior to his retirement, Andrade held the position of Supervising Liquor Control Investigator. In this role, he was charged with supervising the licensing section of the Honolulu Liquor Commission. In 1997, Andrade was recognized by the City & County of Honolulu with the "Sustained Superior Performance Award."



Hiranaka (left) and Pacheco celebrate retirement with well-wishing employee, Andrea Au

George Pacheco retired December 2001 after 20 years of service with the Liquor Commission. Pacheco held the position of Liquor Control Investigator III prior to his retirement. In this capacity, he served as a licensing investigator.

David Lee retired August 2001 after more than 23 years of service with the

Liquor Commission. Prior to his retirement, Lee served as a Liquor Control Investigator III. In this role, he was charged with supervising the field enforcement section of the Honolulu Liquor Commission. In 1999, Lee was awarded the prestigious "Sustained Superior Performance Award" by the City & County of Honolulu.

Harvey Hiranaka retires January 2002 after 28 years of service with the Liquor Commission. Hiranaka held the position of Liquor Control Investigator III prior to his retirement. In this capacity, he served as Acting Supervising Investigator for the enforcement section.

## PROJECT PAU RESULTS

The 2001 Project PAU retail-focused adjudication results are in. Here is a brief recap:

- 373 retail outlets were visited
- 321 attempts were made by undercover decoys to purchase alcohol
- 62 or 19% of stores sold the alcohol to minors
- 62 violations were adjudicated
- \$67,000 in fines were assessed
- One license was suspended

## HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

For more information, contact the Honolulu Liquor Commission at (808) 523-4458, fax: (808) 591-2700, visit our website at [www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/](http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/liq/), E-mail: [liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us](mailto:liquor@co.honolulu.hi.us), or stop by our offices at 711 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 600, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5249. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (registration and cashier closes at 4:15 p.m.)